

N THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

1. (currently amended) A method of producing a press-hardened metallic shaped part ~~from a semifinished product made of an unhardened hot-workable steel sheet~~, comprising the following method steps:
 - (I)- providing a sheet blank of a hot-workable steel sheet ~~semifinished product~~;
 - (II)- cold forming a part blank (10) having a three-dimensional shape and outer contour corresponding approximately to that of the finished product from the sheet blank semifinished product (2) by a cold-forming method;
 - (III)- trimming the part blank (10) at the margins to a marginal contour (12') approximately corresponding to the part (1) to be produced; and
 - (IV)- heating and press-hardening the trimmed part blank (17) in a hot-forming tool (23).
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a deep-drawing method is used for shaping the part blank (10) from the sheet blank ~~semifinished product~~ (2).
3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the part blank (10) is trimmed by a mechanical cutting method (15).
4. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the trimming of the part blank (10) is effected as part of the cold forming.
5. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tool (23) is cooled with brine.
6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheet blank ~~semifinished product~~ (2) is made of an air-hardened steel alloy.

7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating and hot forming of the trimmed part blank (17) are effected in an inert-gas atmosphere (26).
8. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein
 - (IV) - the part (1) is cooled after the hot forming down to a temperature below the martensite temperature, and is provided immediately afterward with a surface coating, in particular an anti-corrosion coating.
9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating of the trimmed part blank (17) in process step (IV) is effected in a continuous furnace (21).
10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating of the trimmed part blank (17) in process step (IV) is effected inductively.
11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said metallic shaped part is a motor vehicle body part.
12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, of producing a metallic shaped part, wherein said cold-forming method is a drawing method.
13. (new) A method of producing a press-hardened metallic shaped part, comprising the following method steps:
 - (I)- providing a sheet blank (2) of a hot-workable steel sheet;
 - (II)- cold forming the sheet blank (2) into a part blank (10) having a three-dimensional shape corresponding approximately to that of the shaped part to be formed;
 - (III)- trimming the part blank (10) at the margins;
 - (IV)- heating the trimmed part blank (17) to a temperature above the structural transformation temperature in the austenitic state; and
 - (IV)- final shaping the heated product of step (IV) and rapidly cooling the trimmed part blank (17) in a hot-forming tool (23) to set the material structure.